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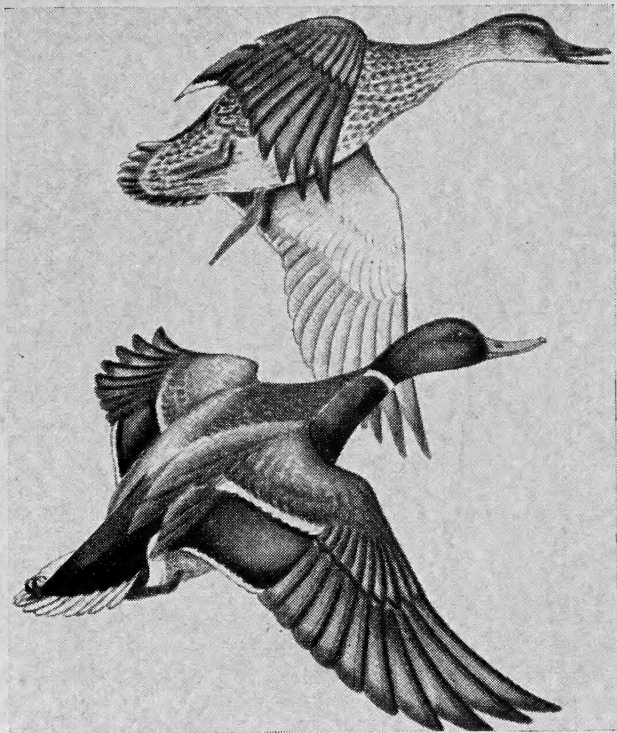
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**IMPROVE YOUR DUCK HUNTING
AND FISHING**

***Plant Natural Foods This Spring.
Results by Next Fall.***



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WILD DUCKS MUST EAT—THEREFORE FOOD IS THEIR PRINCIPAL CONCERN.

Large numbers will congregate on a good feeding ground and remain as long as the food will last or the season will permit. Spring planting will make food for the wild ducks next fall.

GIANT WILD RICE

Mallards, Pintail, Blackducks, Teal, Widgeon and Canada geese fly hundreds of miles to the Wild Rice Marshes.

Best places for planting wild rice are in sloughs, marshy lakes or ponds, in bays or coves on larger lakes, streams or rivers where it will be protected from waves. Wild rice grows best in fresh waters from 6 inches to 4 feet deep where there is a mud bottom. Plant Wild Rice Seed Now.

Seed, \$1.20 per lb., 10 pounds \$10.00.

WAMPEE DUCK CORN

The seeds shell off the stalk in late Fall and will hold the Mallards and other marsh ducks after many other foods are gone.

Wampee Seed may be planted in wet soils or shallow waters.

Seed, \$1.10 per lb.

BURREED

The food for marsh ducks. The seeds are like kernels of corn and are eagerly eaten by mallards and other shoal water ducks.

Burreed grows on damp lowlands or in shallow waters from 1 inch to 6 inches in depth. Plant roots for a quick growth.

Seed, \$1.10 per lb.

Roots, 100 @ \$4.00, 1000 @ \$32.00.

WILD CELERY

Canvasbacks, Redheads, Bluebills, Mallards and Blacks darken the sky over the wild celery beds. Wild celery is fully as important as wild rice as a duck food.

The Wild Celery is a hardy submerged plant which will grow in almost any fresh water from 2 to 6 feet in depth. It grows well in slow running streams, lakes or ponds. Plant tubers in April or May.

100 tubers @ \$3.00, 1000 @ \$20.00 or @ \$26.00 a 1000 with weights attached ready to plant.

SAGO PONDWEED

A good all around wild duck food. Early in the season, pondweeds bring Mallards and Teal, later the Canvasbacks and other divers. They are hardy and will grow under almost any water conditions.

Tubers of these plants should be planted during May in waters from 2 to 8 feet in depth on almost any bottom, either fresh, stagnant, alkali or brackish waters.

100 tubers @ \$4.00, 1000 @ \$32.00 or \$38.00 per 1000 with weights attached ready to plant.

WATER OR NODDING SMARTWEED

A favorite of the Marsh Ducks, they feed upon the seeds. It's very hardy and will thrive from the far North to the Deep South. Smartweed will grow in either wet soils or shallow waters. Root sections can be planted NOW.

100 Roots \$3.50, 1000 roots @ \$28.00.

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WILD (JAP) MILLET

Called Wild Duck Millet or Goose Grass, ranks almost as high as Wild Rice as a Wild Duck Coaxer. It is fine for planting along banks or on wet soils, excellent for places dry in summer and flooded in duck season. Grows 4 to 6 feet high and produces a large seed head, an abundance of food.

Seed, 10 lbs. @ \$2.50, or \$18.00 per 100 pounds.

WAPATO DUCK POTATO

The Wapato is a very good Wild Duck Food. If the waters remain nearly the same level the year around, Mallards and other shallow water ducks will feed upon its tender shoots, tubers and seeds. In places where there is an overflow or the water deepens during Fall and Winter, Canvasbacks and other divers will feed upon the Wapato. Plant the tubers NOW.

This plant is very hardy and will grow well in most any inland waters. It does best in a fairly rich soil on damp lowlands, mud flats or in water from 1 inch to 1 foot in depth.

100 tubers @ \$3.00, 1000 @ \$25.00.

DEEP WATER DUCK POTATO

Another favorite food for all kinds of Wild Ducks. The diving ducks feed on it during fall in the deeper waters. Shoal water ducks eat it if the waters are low during Fall. It is a rapid grower and produces abundantly of food.

Plant the tubers. A soft mud bottom is best and will produce a luxuriant growth. Plant in 1 to 4 feet of water.

100 tubers @ \$4.50, 1000 @ \$32.00 or \$38.00 per 1000 with weights attached ready to plant.

ALL PRICES ARE F.O.B. OUR SHIPPING POINT.

THREE SQUARE RUSH

Of about 150 different kinds of rushes, the Three Square Rush is the most important as a wild duck food. It produces a sizeable cluster of meaty seeds which wild ducks are fond of. In sandy soils or firm rich soils that are just moist or shallow waters, it grows best. Roots may be planted now.

100 roots @ \$4.50, 1000 roots @ \$36.00.

WIDGEON-GRASS

The best brackish water duck food, also grows well in alkaline waters. All kinds of Wild Ducks will feed on Widgeon-Grass, they eat the roots, seeds and leaves.

Plant in from 1 to 8 feet of water, where there is always a foot of water at low tide.

Plants \$12.00 per bushel.

SALICORNIA PLANTS

A real salt water duck food, grows best on mud flats exposed at low tides. Will also thrive in strong alkaline waters. It produces abundantly of seeds that Mallards, Blacks and Sprig are fond of.

Plants \$12.00 per bushel.



BANANA WATERLILY

An important duck food for Southern waters. It grows best in fresh shallow waters having a rich bottom soil or a good deposit of silt, either shaded or sunny areas. Start several beds by dropping small plants with hibernating buds in protected coves.

100 Plants @ \$10.00, 1000 @ \$80.00.

FROGBIT PLANTS

Wild Ducks feed upon the seeds and tender shoots. It's a Southern plant and thrives in either shaded or sunny areas, fresh water ponds or sloughs. It's easily planted, drop a few plants in a protected cove.

100 Plants @ \$6.00, 1000 @ \$40.00.

PICKEREL PLANT

Wild Ducks feed upon the seeds in late Fall. Plant in very shallow fresh waters or wet soils from the Gulf to Canada. Set the plants about 10 feet apart along the water's edge.

100 Plants @ \$14.00, 500 @ \$60.00.

IMPROVE THE FISHING

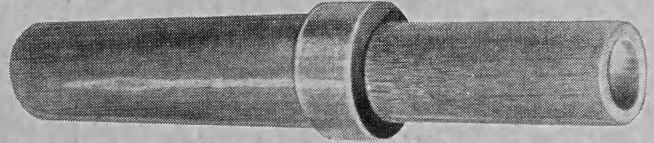
Duck Food plants are also important to game fish. They support small animal life that is food for the fish. They provide cover and protection from their natural enemies. They help clarify, purify and oxygenate the waters. It means more fish, larger fish and better sport.

Duck and Goose Call

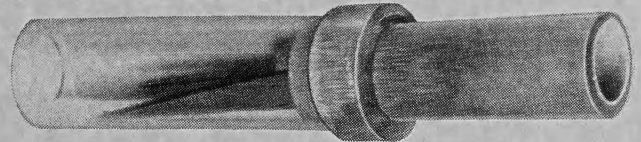
We are able to offer the FAMOUS CAGAN hand-tuned Duck or Goose calls. Beyond a doubt the best calls for wild waterfowl manufactured, the kind that will really bring them out of the sky. Made of high

grade bamboo, with cedar trough and hard rubber tongue.

We offer the Mallard call which will squeal like an old hen mallard, which can also be used for Pintail and Teal. Then we also offer the Mallard call without the squeal. Price, either of the above calls, \$3.00 each, postpaid.



The Famous Cagan Goose Call, hand tuned, made of clear plastic tubing and bamboo with a cedar trough and hard rubber tongue. The best made. Price \$3.50 each, postpaid.



Duck and Goose Calling Record

Sportsmen find it helpful to have one of these records, made by world famous waterfowl caller. It will teach you the technique of calling and how to coax them in. It explains how to hold the call, to make feeding chatter, to imitate various species of waterfowl; Mallards, Pintail, Teal, Snow and Blue Goose, as well as Canadian Honkers. Order one for yourself and another for your hunting partner.

Price \$3.50 each record, Postpaid.



—PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS AND TERMS—

Complete planting instructions covering each kind ordered will be mailed to you with acknowledgement and copy of your order.

All prices are F.O.B. Oshkosh, shipments by Express collect; for Parcel Post send money to cover.

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FOR DRY OR MOIST SHORES AND BOTTOM LANDS

.....lbs. Wild (Jap) Millet Seed, 10 lbs. @ \$2.50, or 100 lbs. @ \$18.00..... \$.....

FOR REAL WET SOILS OR SHALLOW WATERS LESS THAN A FOOT IN DEPTH

.....lbs. Wampee Duck Corn Seed, @ \$1.10 per lb.....
.....Burreed Roots, 100 @ \$4.00 or 1000 @ \$32.00, SEED @ \$1.10 per lb.....
.....Wapato Duck Potato Tubers, 100 @ \$3.00 or 1000 @ \$25.00.....
.....Three Square Rush Roots, 100 @ \$4.50, or 1000 @ \$36.00.....
.....Water or Nodding Smartweed Roots, 100 @ \$3.50 or 1000 @ \$28.00.....
.....Pickerel Plants, 100 @ \$14.00 or 500 @ \$60.00.....
.....bu. Salicornia Plants, \$12.00 per bushel.....

FOR ONE FOOT OR MORE OF WATER, PREFERABLY LESS THAN SIX FEET

.....lbs. Giant Wild Rice Seed, \$1.20 per lb. or 10 lbs. @ \$10.00, or \$25.00 bushel (25 lbs.).....
.....Wild Celery Tubers, 100 @ \$3.00, or 1000 @ \$20.00 (Weights attached \$26.00 per 1000)...
.....Sago Pondweed Tubers, 100 @ \$4.00, or 1000 @ \$32.00 (Weights attached \$38.00 per 1000)
.....Deep Water Duck Potato Tubers, 100 @ \$4.50 or 1000 @ \$32.00 (Weighted \$38.00 per 1000)
.....Frogbit Plants, 100 @ \$6.00, or 1000 @ \$40.00.....
.....Banana Waterlily Plants, 100 @ \$10.00, or 1000 @ \$80.00.....
.....bu. Widgeon Grass Plants, \$12.00 per bushel.....

WILD DUCK AND WILD GOOSE CALLS

.....Famous Cagan Hand Tuned Duck Call with Squeal, @ \$3.00.....
.....Famous Cagan Hand Tuned Mallard Call, @ \$3.00.....
.....Famous Cagan Hand Tuned Goose Call, @ \$3.50.....
.....Duck and Goose Record (That teaches the technique), @ \$3.50.....

You may order 250 roots, tubers or plants @ $\frac{1}{4}$ the 1000 rate or 500 @ $\frac{1}{2}$ the 1000 rate.

TOTAL \$.....

These prices are F.O.B. Oshkosh, shipment will come by express, charges collect (being perishable).

If you desire shipment by parcel post, please add sufficient money to cover postage (at your own risk).

Please ship to arrive on
Month Date

Ordered by:

Ship to:

Enclosed find Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Cash ☐ Send Express C.O.D. ☐ Open Account, old customers ☐

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You Can't Beat Fun

MY GOOD NEIGHBOR

The neighborhood borrower approached his sportsman neighbor one Friday evening this past duck season and inquired:

"Say Smith, are you using your lawn rake tomorrow morning?"

"Yes, I am," Smith replied warily.

"Fine, then you won't be using your new Marlin 90 Over-and-Under—I'll just borrow it, I want to shoot a couple wild ducks for Sunday dinner."

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Telephone Operator: "It costs 90 cents to talk to Bloomfield."

Duck Hunting Patron: "Can't you make a special rate for just listening? I have to call my wife, can't make it home till late".

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Exasperated Wife: "The night before last you came home yesterday, and last night you came home today. If you come home this evening tomorrow, I'll go straight home to Mother!"

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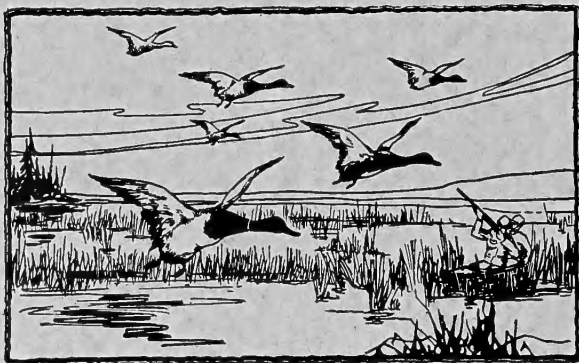
DUCK BLIND CONVERSATION

Hunting Guide: "Don't you and your wife ever have a difference of opinion?"

Duck Hunter: "Sure, but I don't tell her."

A few minutes later: "Bos'n—which would you rather give up, wine or women?"

A pause and reply: "Depends on the vintage."



A GOOD CROP OF WILD DUCKS FOR THE FALL OF 1952

Last Fall was the largest flight of wild ducks that we have had in years. More wild ducks are returning to their Northern breeding grounds. We are at the top of a wet cycle which insures plenty of water. In consideration of the good work that Ducks Unlimited is doing and has done, I predict a good flight of wild ducks for 1952 season.

WM. O. COON, Naturalist



Even a day-old duck knows when he is hungry. They fly many thousands of miles in search of food as the fall and winter months approach. Planting of natural food is an act of conservation, aside from improving your own sport.

PROPAGATION OF THE 15 MOST IMPORTANT WILD DUCK FOODS

See the inside pages of this circular, all 15 of these natural wild duck foods are described as well as how and where to grow them. Planted this spring, will make food for the wild ducks for next fall season.

WILD DUCKS CAN'T LIVE ON JUST WATER

Nor can they live on waters with only a small growth of their natural foods, wild ducks are gluttons when it comes to eating, it's a known fact they will eat their own weight in food each week. For example, if you have a thousand wild ducks coming into your marsh or pond to feed and they average weight of two pounds each, that means they eat a ton (2000 pounds) of feed each week. Therefore it is necessary to have a good growth of very productive natural foods to support and hold them.

HOW IS THE FOOD SUPPLY AT YOUR FAVORITE SHOOTING PLACE?

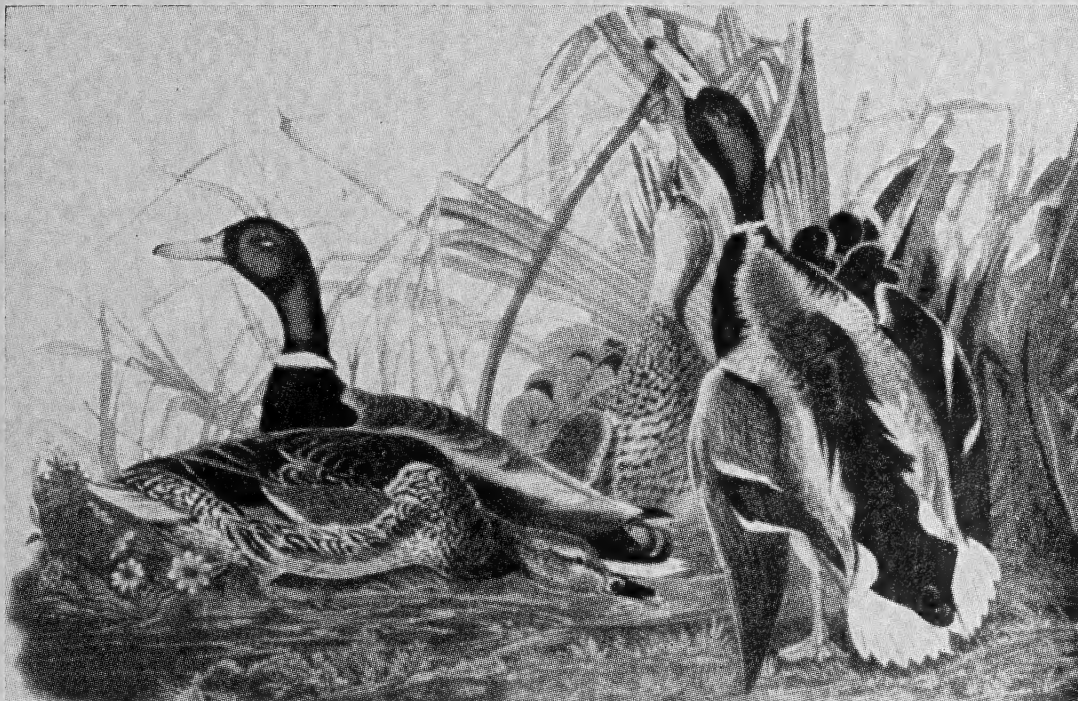
Do you have plenty of food growing to attract and hold large numbers of wild ducks? Right now! during the spring is the time to plant the natural foods. The duck foods which you plant this spring will grow and reproduce making more food for the big flight next fall; once growing there, it will continue year after year.

PLANT SEVERAL KINDS

Wild ducks like different foods to eat, and will invariably select a place to stop where they find the greatest assortment of their natural foods growing in abundance.

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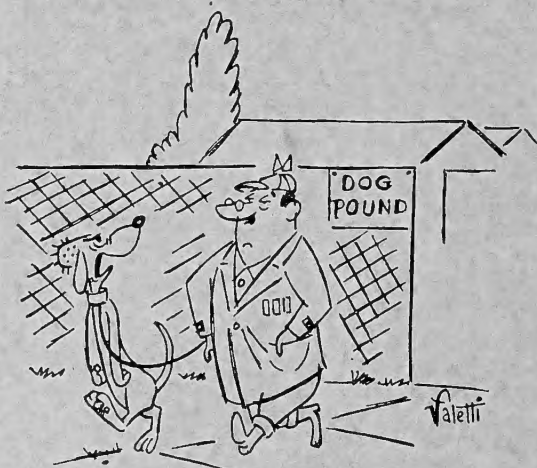


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California Rancher Praises Plantings

Differences between wildlife and agricultural interests occur so frequently that it is really news when a farmer praises the wildlife managers. But that's just what happened in California.

Landowner Baxter Loveland of Brawley told commissioners at their April meeting that State and Federal attempts to keep ducks from damaging crops in the Imperial Valley has produced one of the easiest years on record for local crop depredations. He stated that the cultivation of sub-marginal lands for growing duck feeds has saved Valley farmers "a considerable amount of money."



Courtesy—Outdoor Sportsman

"I'll bet if it weren't for hunting season you'd let me ROT in that horrible place!"



Courtesy—Outdoor Sportsman

"When you see the hunter draw a bead on you, go into a thirty degree bank and fly hell bent for election."

WILD DUCKS NEED GRAVEL

If your favorite duck shooting place has a soft mud bottom soil and no gravel or coarse sand, it will be a real improvement to establish a small bed or two of gravel or sand for them in shallow waters. All wild waterfowl have a very active digestive system (unlike upland birds they have no crop in which to store feed) therefore, they use more grinding materials in their system to rapidly dispose of their food. Waterfowl eat at least twice daily, and if they don't find that needed gravel or sand, they must leave your waters to obtain it.

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